(d) As stated in reply to (b) above, the NCCF have initiated actio$_n$ for fixing responsibility on th$_e$ officers concerned fo$_r$ the shortages. The question of taking action against the then CAF does .not arise in vie$_w$ of reply to part (c) above.

PIG Iron factory in Khammam district of Andhra Pradesh

2771. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set u$_{p\ a}$ Pig Iron factory at Palvancha in Khammam district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the detailg thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRl MAKHAN LAL FOTEDAR): (a) and (b) Government h$_{as}$ recently approved a project to be undertaken by the Sponge Iro$_n$ India Limited at their plant at Paloncha, Dist. Khammam, Andhra Pradesh. ?or the manufacture of 45,000 tonnes per annum ol low phosphorous pig iron. The estimated cost of 'he project is Rs. 16.20 crores, and th$_e$ project i$_=$ expected to be comDleted by end of 1991.

Setting up of National Consumer Dispute* Redressal Commission in State Capitals

2772. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state;

(a) when Government set up National Consumer Dispute$_s$ Redressal Commission at Delhi;

Ob) how many States have set up respective State Consumer Disputes Redressal, Commission as on da^{te};

(c) the total number of disputes set-it Consumer Dispute Redressal Com missions;

(d) ho$_w$ many States have $_s$et up Dis trict Consumer Dispute Redressal Com missions, so far; and

(e) what steps are being taken to fully dispose of all the pending applications be fore Central, State and District Commis sions?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUP, PLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) The Central Government has constituted National Consumer Disputes Redressal Com. mission consisting of five members on 17-3-1988. i

(b) As per information available four States/Union Territories have set up State j Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission. In addition, three more States have also notified the State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission.

(c) According to the information sent by National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, 18 petitions and 8 appeals have bee$_n$ filed in the National Commission No cas* has been decided, so far.

National Commission has issued notices to the respondents i$_n$ all the cases. In the Bihar State Commission, 116 case$_s$ were filed upto January, 1989, out of which 61 have been decided. The Rajasthan State Commission has decided 4 cases out of 20 filed upto 31-1-89. i$_n$ the Utta$_r$ Pradesh

State ^ommission, 7 case$_s$ were filed upto 31-1-1989. No case has been decided.

(d) As per information available, District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums have started functioning in 7 States/Union Territories. Tn addition, 6 more States/Union Territories have also citified them.

(e"> The Consumer Protection Rules, 1987 and the State Consumer Protection Rules framed under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986, provide for redressal of consumer compIaints within three months wher$_e$ testing or analysis i$_s$ not required <»nd within five months where testing or •palysis i* reaujred.